

QUIET CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Wilson's Grandchildren to Celebrate the Day at Their Homes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's grandchildren, who have made White House Christmas celebrations merry affairs, will not be here this Christmas.

W. G. McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo, one of the President's daughters, will have their Christmas at their own home, as will Prof. and Mrs. Sayre, Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's third daughter, will be at the White House. Because of the absence of the children there probably will be no Christmas tree, and no dinner guests, with the exception of Mrs. Wilson's relatives.

After distributing gifts to White House attendants the President and Mrs. Wilson will go driving in the afternoon if the weather permits. It is Mrs. Wilson's custom to distribute gifts to children along the route of the drive on Christmas.

"SEA SICK" RIDERS ON QUEENS TROLLEY

Old "T" Rails Along Fresh Pond Road Cause Qualms in Passengers' "Innards."

Passengers on the trolley cars of the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad, along Fresh Pond Road, get "sea sick" from the irregular course of the trolley rails, according to Joseph L. Ashmead, Superintendent of Highways for the Borough of Queens, who

testified before the Public Service Commission to that effect. The rails were laid twenty-two years ago, according to inspectors from Borough President Connolly's office, and they are "T" rails. The Borough President himself was a witness and said the Highway Department could not very well pave the roadway because the alignment of the trolley tracks takes in both sides of Fresh Pond Road and makes the thoroughfare very dangerous to other traffic.

Public Service Commissioner Donnelly adjourned the hearing to a later date. The defense of the company is that the Public Service Commission has no authority to compel a traction company to relocate its rails.

LOTS OF HICCUPS HERE, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY

Health Commissioner Copeland said yesterday he had learned there is a hiccup epidemic in Paris and that there are many cases in this city. He explained that the ailment follows acute colds and laryngitis. He added, however, that there is no danger in hiccups and no occasion for alarm.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. J. A. LEE

Friends of Woman Found Dead at Long Beach Against Suicide Theory.

Funeral services for Mrs. John A. Lee, the widow of the late X-ray specialist of Brooklyn, whose body was found on the sands at Long Beach Monday night, were held today in the Church of Our Lady of Victory, Throop Avenue and McDougall Street, Brook-

lyn. The body was taken to New Britain, Conn., for interment.

The contents of Mrs. Lee's stomach are being examined in the Leakey Laboratories, Manhattan, to determine whether she took a drug just before she died on Monday night at the edge of the water.

Mrs. Lee's friends hesitate to accept the theory that, grieving over her husband's death, she committed suicide. They say she may have gone to Long Beach in the belief that a walk by the sea would brace her and point to the return ticket in her purse as evidence that she did not contemplate suicide.

CAR ACCIDENT KILLS BANKER

Joseph M. Riker of Newark, Injured When Wife Was Killed.

Joseph M. Riker, President of the Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank of Newark, died in the Newark City Hospital today of a fractured skull, received in a trolley accident Tuesday night. Mr. Riker's wife was killed in the accident.

The couple were crossing Clinton Avenue, Newark, when a Broad Street car approached. Mr. and Mrs. Riker had stepped across the tracks when it is be-

lieved, an automobile caused them to step back, and they were struck by the car. Mr. Riker had been an officer of the bank for thirty years and also was the head of the Riker Brothers Jewelry Company. He was sixty-nine years old and his wife two years younger.

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